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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

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## AMENDMENTS

### AMENDMENT TO THE PRIORITY CLAIM

*At Page 1, Paragraph 1, Lines 11-13, please amend the specification as follows:*

~~This application is related to copending patent application 08/946,341 filed October 7, 1997 which is herein incorporated by reference.~~ This is a continuation application of application Serial No. 09/041,809 filed March 13, 1998, now abandoned, which is a continuation-in-part of application Serial No. 08/946,341 filed October 7, 1997, now Patent No. 5,997,476, which is a continuation-in-part of application Serial No. 08/847,009 filed April 30, 1997, now Patent No. 5,897,493, which claims priority to provisional application Serial No. 60/041,746 filed on March 28, 1997 and provisional application Serial No. 60/041,751 filed on March 28, 1997.

This application is also a continuation-in-part of application Serial No. 09/378,188 filed on August 20, 1999, now abandoned, which is a continuation of application Serial No. 08/850,840 filed on May 3, 1997 now Patent No. 5,985,559, which is a continuation of application Serial No. 08/847,009 filed April 30, 1997, now Patent No. 5,897,493, which claims priority to provisional application Serial No. 60/041,746 filed on March 28, 1997 and provisional application Serial No. 60/041,751 filed on March 28, 1997. All applications, except to the extent, if any, such incorporation would constitute new matter, are herein incorporated by reference in their entirety as if fully set forth herein.




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**AMENDMENT TO THE TITLE**

Please amend the title as follows:

**PHENOSCOPE AND PHENOBASE  
SYSTEM AND METHOD FOR IDENTIFYING DISEASE-INFLUENCING GENES**



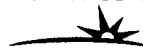
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